



# Washington MESSAGE MEDIUS



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## STATE BOARD MEETS

A fine co-operative spirit at the state board meeting held at Ellensburg, Wash., on April 8, 1956 is reported by President Arthur Mann and plans are going forward for the best State Convention yet. Mr Mann will soon have ballots out for the "State Masseur or Masseuses of the Year" who in turn will be candidate for National "Masseur of the Year". It was agreed that Oregon and Idaho be invited to hold their State conventions with Washington chapter, each to hold their business sessions separately, then to join our chapter in demonstrations, banquet and entertainment, with a joint business meeting on Sat. from 4 P.M. to 6 P.M. All members of the State board were present with the exception of Bertha Reager who was in the Good Samaritan Hospital at Puyallup, Wash. Flowers were sent to Mrs Reager with best wishes from the Washington Chapter. (Bertha is now in Orting and recovering nicely. She is at the home of Austin Dodd and can have company any time.)

## START THINKING

President Arthur Mann, who is National Chairman of the "Masseur of the Year Committee" is sending out ballots for everyone to vote for the "Masseur of the Year". This is something that must be given serious consideration, keeping ability, results, character, personality, and any other qualities that you would want to find in the Masseur you would go to for treatments, in mind. The candidate must also be in attendance at convention. Get your ballot back to Mr Mann without delay, remembering that promptness is one of the qualities of a good Masseur.

## SEATTLE CHAPTER

Seattle Chapter will hold its regular bi-monthly meeting at the Swedish Hall on Sunday May 6, 1956, at 2:00 P.M., 1627 Eighth Street. This is also the Annual meeting and it is important for each one in the Seattle area to be there.

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THE FIRST FULL DRESS DEMONSTRATION OF MASSAGE OVER TELEVISION TOOK PLACE IN SEATTLE, WASH. APRIL 25, 1956, WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BETWEEN 3:00 AND 3:30 P.M. OVER T.V. STATION K.T.N.T. OUR GOOD MEMBER ARTHUR DUNBAR GAVE A WONDERFUL DEMONSTRATION WHICH WAS FAR REACHING AND VERY EDUCATIONAL, AND CLEARLY SHOWED THE PURPOSE OF MASSAGE AND WHAT COULD BE EXPECTED FROM MASSAGE TREATMENTS.

MR. DUNBAR INTRODUCED THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MASSEURS AND MASSEUSES AS HIS PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION, AND DISPLAYING OUR A.A.M.M. PIN. THIS VIEWING OVER K.T.N.T. MARKS A HIGHLIGHT FOR THE A.A.M.M.

all roads lead to Spokane  
June 8-9-10



THIS VIEWING OVER K.T.N.T. CREATES ADDITIONAL ENVIROMENT FOR GOOD MASSAGE. THIS PROGRAM WAS PUT ON A DAY AHEAD OF WHAT WAS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED, AND A FEW DETAILS WERE OMITTED FOR LACK OF TIME, HOWEVER THE VIEWING WORKED OUT WELL. AT THIS TIME OF DAY K.T.N.T. HAS ABOUT 30,000 VIEWERS. THIS PICTURE WAS WHAT IS KNOWN AS A LIVE PICTURE AND THERE WERE NO FILMS TAKEN. CREDIT SHOULD BE GIVEN MISS MARYLIN FOYTON, THE MODEL, AND THE CRYSTAL STEAM BATHS FOR THEIR HELP IN MAKING SUCH AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM POSSIBLE.

#### SPOKANE CHAPTER

The Spokane Chapter held their monthly meeting Friday night at the home of Mrs Florence Taylor. Plans for the State Convention to be held June 9 - 10 at the Davenport Hotel, Spokane, Wash., are nearly completed. There will be a party at the Hotel Friday night the eighth. We are allowing 20 minutes for each demonstration to be held Saturday afternoon. Ice cream and cookies were served by Mrs Taylor after the meeting.

Sincerely, L.T. Short, President

#### CUSTOMARY MIRACLE?

(My heart swells with joy each time I hear or read of the Miracles of Of Massage on these little ones. These "customary miracles" are happening every day in the offices of our members. Let us hear about yours, for THEY RENEW OUR FAITH IN OUR WORK. Ruth Williams)

MOTHERS REPORT ON HOW PHYSICAL THERAPY TREATMENTS HELP HER SPASTIC CHILD (Ian MacMillian, age 3 cerebral spastic- diplegia- ie Both sides of body affected)

My child was born 6 weeks prematurely, after a prolonged labor. at 16 weeks he was examined by 3 pediatricians and diagnosed as spastic. The baby was hospitalized for complete clinical observation and laboratory analysis. These, confirming the diagnosis, however, these physicians thought his physical condition could not support life. A life span of 1 year was the expected.

We consulted six more doctors and the same phrases were, spoken and the child was sent home to die. When he reached 8½ months another doctor admitted he did not feel he had enough knowledge of spastics to advise to treatment but suggested, that a brain specialist be consulted. This brought about another series of new tests, including a pneumo-encephalogram. On the strength of these medical findings the outlook was very dim. In fact the attending doctor told me when he released the child from the hospital on Monday, "If he is alive Thursday, bring him to my office!"

The medication at that time was 3 grains of phenobarbital. There had never been a bowel elimination that was not induced. His diet consisted of infant cereal and milk fed to him with an eye dropper. He had been fed in this manner from the 4th day that I had him home, or the tender age of 13 days.

His two abilities were screaming, and opening his eyelids. The eyes would remain open for days. Thus he vegetated a few more weeks and had a violent convulsions. The phenobarbital was discontinued and seconal took its place in two months the dosage climbed to 9 grains per 24 hours.

My boy was hospitalized for one thing or another on the average of every 27 days for the next year. His body temperature in this year ranged from 94 to 108.6. In September of 1954 still another doctor instructed me in the technique of gavaging the child. I was given both tubes for nasal passing and oral passing and the child could then have a nutritious diet. This method of feeding continued five times a day for 16 months.

Each of these many doctors, except one, the brain specialist, were insistant and pressuring that the child be placed in an institution. The only home open to him was a private nursing home. This home, while the rates are very reasonable was beyond the financial capacity of my family.

In July of 1955 the seconal intake was now 13 grains a day with one grain phenobarbital given insmusclally between capsules. The convulsions were more violent and coming with the frequency of 6 to 10 times a day. We were assured that all was lost and have him placed in a State Institution. Reluctantly the committment was accomplished. Then we received the staggering blow that our child could not be admitted for 3 to 4 years. Due to the back-log of waitees.

Three long months are to pass with our baby in that condition. He was amazingly rigid, his head was in a malposition and shape, it was held with the back laying on the left shoulder. His hands remained open, the left arm was stiff and kept in a backward twisted position, the right leg was beggining to twist. He did have moments that led us to think that there was knowledge of some sorts. One day late in October my daughter noticed a sign in a window on north Monroe street which read "Physical Therapy, L.T. Short". She excitedly told me of her find.

I mistakenly believed that I had to be sent by a doctor to a Therapist. I had been waiting to be sent. Several times I had questioned why the baby could not have therapy and had been told that unless the child showed mentality there was no need. However I took matters into my own hands and went to talk to the Physical Therapist. The first words of encouragement were spoken to me. "I will try". (and try you have!).

One month of therapy seemed to ease the child's mesery and then fate struck in his favor in a dramatic way. He was cutting 3 year molars, all 4 of them and it was just too much, he slipped into a coma which lasted 23 days. About 7 weeks was lost then. But we seized this time to withdraw the seconal and phenobarbital. When he awoke he was ready for life. He was eased back into the physical therapy treatments and at this time his accomplishments are amazing. Through therapy the astounding changes are these. He knows that he is a person, that he has a name, that the world has people, that the things that lifted him, turned him, eased him, belonged to another person. This person was always with him and that there are other "persons", the white coat of a physical therapist. He has the ability to turn his head any time, his hands will grasp, he can turn over if he works hard, his hands will hold light objects and he has feet and legs that he can move when he wants to. The gavage tubes are gone from his life. He eats three meals a day from a spoon. He can suck an 8 oz. bottle dry in 25 minutes. His bowels are regular and he maps twice a day and

sleeps 6 to 7 hours a night, and this is improving. His head is held at a good angle in a laying position. He tries hard to hold his head when he is placed in an upright position. He still needs support. His left arm has straightened and he merrily waves it in front of his eyes.

For nearly 3 years my one desire was that he be able to let me know that he recognized me.. Last week I walked in after a morning's absence and his eyes lighted up and he laughed aloud and waved an arm. This little action was my ultimate payment for the months of struggle. Without physical therapy he could never have manifested his love.

Mrs. F. N. MacMillan

#### OREGON NEWS

( Still South of the Boarder, Down Oregon Way )

It sure beats the "dutch" what a little bit of spring weather can do to give everyone the "Spring Fever". With the advent of a few weeks of nice warm sunshine, the old fashioned fever has again caught a lot of us and how hard it is to stay inside and attend to business, when the spring fever has gotten us. When "Its Spring Time in the Rockies, Its Blossom time in Oregon". And that's the kind of "snow" we all like to see on all the fruit trees.

First place I'd like to call attention to aoo members, that the nex bi-monthly meeting of the Ore. Chapter will be held on may 6th at the Community Hall in Dundee, ore. ( 27 miles so. of Portland an Hiway 99 W) with mary Altman and Elsie Sander as co-hostess. This meeting is going to be "POT LUCK), so every one bring a hot dish, a salad or desert for the biggest and finest turn out of the year. Bring along a prospective member and those who have been to our meetings bring along a few dollar to "Chinch" that membership. Our latestnew member is Mildred Churchill of 5215 N.E. 30th Ave., and we are glad to have you with us. Total membership now is 16 members and we keep growing a little each month. Let's all hit the ball and keep the "Pot Lick" a boiling. Watausay?

Pres Scheid is now back in harness and desires to see more of the old members out. Seems vistors have outnumbered the members of late.

Might call attention to the Washington Chapter holding their annual meeting at Spokane this cominf June 9 & 10 at which Ore. Chapter has been cordially invited to attend. This meeting will be a Tri-State one with Idaho and Ore. invited to attend.

Looks like the end of the trail, so will blow taps and BSEEINGUsoon  
C.A. Tyler, sec. trea. Ore. Chapter.

Dear Editor ; I would like to have some of the members tell us how they would handle a fracture convalescent with a compound fracture of the femur, that had to have surgery to put the bone fragments in place. The wound is open and draining, the papient can bear weight on the leg. Complications are a post thyroid operation for toxic thyroid. The Leg is in a spiral steel splint. John A Murray.

Thought for today: Take heed that ye do not your alms before men--  
that thine aims may be in secret; and thy Father which seeth in  
secret himself shall reward theeopenly. St Mathew 6:1-6

God has richly rewarded us openly , for he has given us healing  
hands!! Give Him thanks daily!  
UNTIL JUNE 8 th SO LONG